



THE BALMAIN ASSOCIATION

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CONTROL ON FLATS

TOWN PLANNING MOVES.

Following a resolution of the Association's Management Committee, a joint planning committee consisting of representatives of the Balmain Association, Annandale Association, Glebe Society and the newly formed Leichhardt-Lilyfield Association has been formed. Its aim is to put up co-ordinated planning proposals for the Municipality and already a number of meetings and discussions with Aldermen have been held. The Council appears receptive to the idea that such a body should be available to make suggestions and provide expertise on planning matters.

Pending examination of the State Planning Authority's studies of Glebe and the Balmain peninsula, the Leichhardt Council has decided to adopt an Interim Code controlling all flat development in the Municipality. It will have the objective of maintaining

the existing character of Balmain until such time as revised plans are available.

It appears from the reaction of Aldermen that they feel the S.P.A. studies of Glebe and Balmain are soundly based and take into account the views of the resident groups in these areas.

It has been suggested that a planning study of the area be undertaken and the Association's Architectural and Planning Sub-committee wishes to contact anyone who can assist in carrying this out.

The survey would take into account such matters as the development of health services, historic buildings, landscape and sociological factors. Would anyone in the architectural, planning or allied professions, or anyone else, who feels they could help, please contact David Chesterman (82 3776).

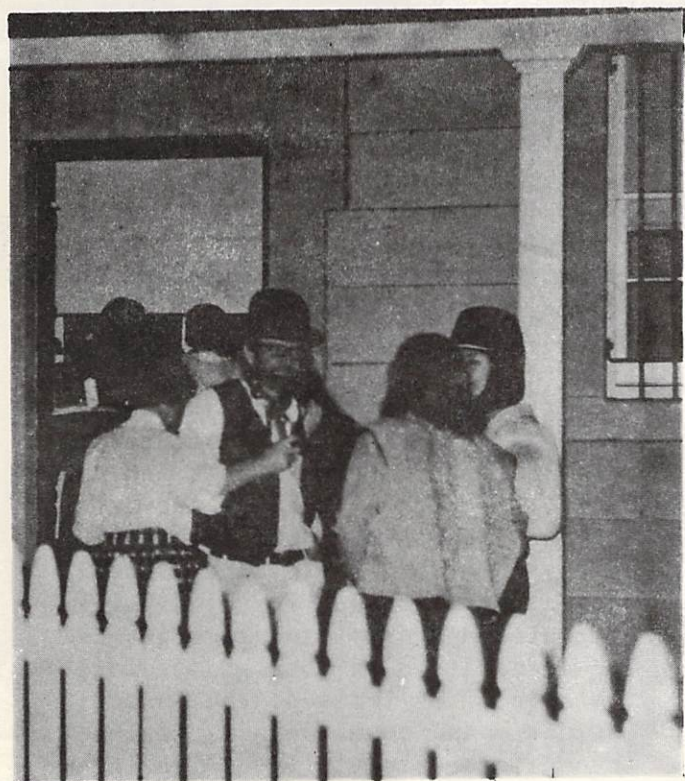


AMENDMENTS TO THE ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION.

In accordance with the rules of the Association, notices of motion have been lodged by members of the Association to amend the Rules as follows :-

1. Alteration of registered address to 179 Darling St., Balmain, 2041. (Rule 2).
2. That the boundaries of the Association's activities be expanded to embrace the Balmain Ward and the whole of the Rozelle Ward as defined for Local Government purposes. (Rule 4.)
3. That the membership fee be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00. (Children and Pensioner Membership rates of 20c. shall remain unchanged). (Rule 7(a)).
4. That Rule 7(b) be amended so that membership fees shall fall due each 12 months on the date of the initial payment.

As provided in the Constitution and Rules, a Special Meeting will be held to discuss the notices of motion at 8.00 p.m. sharp immediately prior to the next General Meeting on 2nd December, 1971



**COLONIAL NIGHT AT
THE WATCH HOUSE**

BALMAIN NOTES.

The Creative Leisure Centre at 37a Ballast Pt. Rd., Birchgrove, is operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays after school until 6 p.m. A playgroup for mothers and pre-school children is held on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon; children's guitar lessons on Fridays from 4.30 to 6 p.m. and adult spinning and weaving on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30.

A St. Nicholas family barbecue will be held on Sunday, 5th December, at 6 p.m.

Anyone interested in the Centre's activities, please 'phone Robyn Jones (82 2727). It is suggested that a daily playgroup for children aged 3-5 years old be commenced next year, any interested parents contact Mrs. Jones.

COMMUNITY SERVICE.

A recent exciting development for the Association has been the founding of a new Community Service Sub-committee under the able leadership of Elizabeth Tow. Elizabeth has considerable knowledge of the area and is an experienced social worker. This Sub-committee, which will extend the Association's activities to a much needed and very worthwhile area, deserves wholehearted support from all members.

The first meeting, attended by approximately 10 people, was held on 8th Nov. It is proposed to do a survey of welfare services and needs of the Balmain-Rozelle area and lively discussion took place about the aims and methods of this survey. Much ground was cleared and it was decided to have a further meeting to hear the views of a wider group of people. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 29th November, at 6 p.m. at 8 White Street, Balmain. Light refreshment will be provided. All interested people are most welcome to come to the meeting or telephone Elizabeth Tow (82 4577).



TOURS OF BALMAIN.

An increasing number of organisations have contacted the Association to arrange tours of the area. This has been done on a number of occasions in the past, including Saturday, 6th November, when the Gallery First-Nighters and Hunter's Hill Historical Society were taken on guided tours. The First-Nighters later had savories, cheese and wine in the Watch House and the Association profited by \$55.

Many of the organisations asking for tours wish the Association to provide refreshments. This can be quite a good fund-raiser and any members who can help with refreshments, or guiding tours, during the week or at weekends, please contact Victoria Joannou - 82 5172.

TREE PLANTING GROUP.

At its meeting on 4th November the Association's Management Committee resolved that tree-planting should no longer be within the scope of the Architectural and Planning Sub-committee, but should operate as a separate group. Planting of Brush Box trees in Rosebery Street and a variety of native trees in the park in Beattie and Elliott Streets has recently been completed. The Council was extremely co-operative, digging the holes and providing tree guards. The Association is most grateful for the help of Mr. Wilson, the Chief Engineer, and other Council employees. Anyone interested in tree planting or landscaping should contact Bob Beverley 82 5279 or Neil Oates 82 5376.

HISTORY GROUP.

The History Group has made its first contribution to the new Leichhardt Historical Journal which is published jointly by the Annandale Association, the Balmain Association and the Glebe Society. The first issue of the Journal is currently being printed and contains 36 pages of historical articles and photographs concerning important past events and developments in the Municipality. It will be on sale at the coming General Meeting and is reasonably priced at 50 cents plus 10 cents postage if required. As this is a first attempt at producing such a Journal, it is hoped that the support of the membership will ensure good sales to cover production costs.

Once again the History Group puts out a cry for help. We desperately need dedicated newspaper readers to research Balmain's history at the Library of N.S.W. There is a small but no less valiant team at work on this project but a day-by-day reading of the years 1855 to 1860 is beyond our present resources. Willing helpers please contact Peter Reynolds 82 3752.

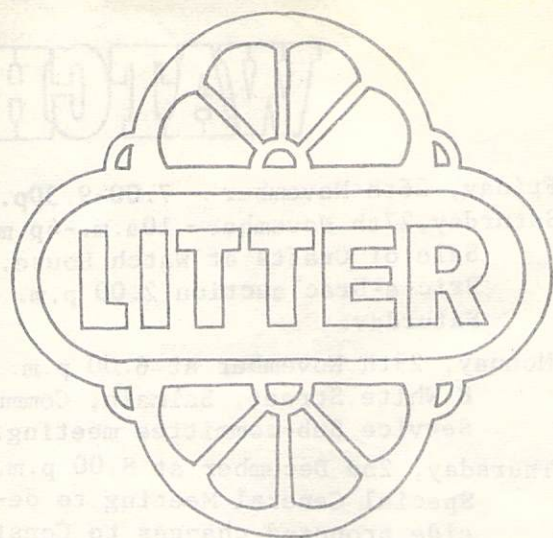
The next meeting of the History Group will be at the Watch House on Monday, 6th December, after 8.00 p.m.



THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BALMAIN.

The cover illustration shown on the last issue of the News Sheet was the second Presbyterian church to be built on the Balmain Peninsula (described in error as the first Presbyterian Church). It was built on the triangular piece of land adjoining the Watch House in 1857 but following the completion of the present fine church in Campbell Street in 1868, it was converted into a shop. In that form, the old church survived until well into the 20th century and was apparently the last building to occupy that site.

This church is of especial interest to The Balmain Association as we are about to be given the use of the land on which it once stood. The Association's History Group are currently researching this building and its site and it hopes to publish the fruits of this research in the combined Associations' Historical Journal.



RECYCLING

"It won't be long now it won't be long till the earth is barren as the moon and sapless as a mumbled bone."

That's how Don Marquis sees the future in *The Life and Times of Archy and Mehitabel*.

With each person leaving an average of ten pounds of garbage a day, landfill is just as much a problem of ecology as pollution.

In a recent chain store advertisement twenty of twenty items listed were packed in one way containers.

Supermarkets can be pressured into selling reusable containers. It is almost impossible to recycle paper and plastic laminated together or foil covered cardboard.

The key word to the solution of landfill is Recycling.

Don't accept wire hangers from laundries. Recycle your own vegetable wastes by starting a compost pile.

To recycle wastes properly will require massive support from industry, but why not demand it. Aluminium is very easy to recycle and is worth about \$240 per ton. More recycling of paper means less pressure on tree felling.

Neither a direct tax nor deposits on packages have worked in reducing the landfill problem. Both have been tried and we are still knee deep in our own garbage.

The answer lies in our demanding all goods to be packaged in reusable containers.

NOTE: When you've saved a pile of empty aluminium cans, take them to Rozelle school, who are collecting them and earning $\frac{1}{2}$ cent on every can donated.

WATCH THESE DATES

Friday, 26th November - 7.00-9.30p.m.

Saturday, 27th November - 10a.m.-4p.m.

Sale of Crafts at Watch House.

Bric-a-brac auction 2.00 p.m.

Saturday.

Monday, 29th November at 6.00 p.m. at
8 White Street, Balmain, Community
Service Sub-committee meeting.

Thursday, 2nd December at 8.00 p.m.
Special General Meeting to de-
cide proposed changes to Consti-
tution, followed by General
Meeting. Lower Town Hall, Balmain.

Monday, 6th December at 8.00 p.m. at
Watch House and on 1st Monday of
every month - meeting of History
Group.

Saturday, 18th December - Annual
Christmas Barbecue at 18 William
Street, Balmain East. 6.30 p.m.

Saturday, 29th January - Children's
Paint-in, Gladstone Park. 10a.m.-
12.30p.m.

Thursday, 10th February, 1972 - Asso-
ciation General Meeting, Lower
Town Hall, Balmain, at 8p.m.

Saturday, 19th February at 8.00 p.m.
First social function of year.
Balmain-Country Style, Creative
Leisure Centre, 37a Ballast Pt.
Road, Balmain. 8.00 p.m.

FOR SALE.

Sturdy advanced plants of Casuarina
glauca are on sale for \$1.50 each and
Plane Trees for \$2.00 each, or free if
planted in open spaces such as the ends
of streets. Ring Bob Beverley 82 5279.

COLONIAL NIGHT AT THE WATCH HOUSE.

The Colonial Night was a happy return to
former days with more than 200 ladies
and gentlemen of high and low degree
crowding the Watch House. It was a
tremendously successful and enjoyable
evening and a profit of just under
\$200 was made.

MEMBERSHIP.

All subscriptions were due on July 1,
1971. The News Sheet has now been dis-
continued to unfinancial members, so
if your friends complain to you that
they have not received their News
Sheet, we suggest they pay their sub-
scriptions (currently \$1.00) by post-
ing them to P.O. Box 57, Balmain, 2041,
or handing them to the Treasurer at
the next Association General Meeting.
The present position is that there are
347 financial members of the Associ-
ation.

CHILDREN'S PAINT-IN.

It is hoped to hold the Children's
Paint-in on Saturday, 29th January--
the last Saturday before the schools re-
commence. On previous occasions it has
been a very successful and enjoyable af-
fair, with the Association providing
paints and paper in Gladstone Park and
the local children entering into the
spirit of things and producing some mar-
vellous results.

Anyone interested in helping, please
contact Jocelyn Morris 82 2565.

COUNTRY STYLE.

It is hoped to hold the first party of
the new year on Saturday, 19th Feb-
ruary. It will be country style. The
substitute woolshed will be the
Creative Leisure Centre, 37a Ballast
Point Road, which was once a machinery
workshop. What more fitting place for
Balmain Country Style.

CHRISTMAS BARBECUE.

The Annual Christmas Barbecue will be
held at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 18th
December, in the beautiful waterfront
garden of Richard Waterfield, 18
William Street, Balmain East. It is
traditionally free of charge and is a
great opportunity for catching up
with old friends and meeting new ones.
Everyone is welcome--bring your own
food and drink--barbecue facilities
will be provided.

LIBRARY.

The Association's Childrens Library is
open at the Watch House on Saturday
mornings from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and
on Wednesday afternoons after school.

A number of working bees have been held
to prepare a further cell for use by the
library. The response has been dis-
heartening in that very little help was
forthcoming from the parents of the
children using the library. Please
give a hand if you possibly can, as the
work is too often left to the willing
few. Working bee organiser is Bill
Haesler 82 3956.

